

Swaziland calls for a share of Maputo corridor benefits

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MBABANE – SA and Swazi transport officials have vowed to bring to Swaziland benefits from the Maputo Corridor Logistics

Initiative (MCLI). Ten years ago, the three contiguous countries signed a treaty to develop their shared Lubombo Mountain range, but Swaziland has been subsequently sidelined.

The Gauteng-Maputo highway bypasses the kingdom. Swazi transport minister Elijah Shongwe complained to MCLI chairman Dr Matthews Phosa at a Maputo meeting last week,

and was given assurance by Phosa that Swaziland would be included in further development.

Shongwe said by tapping into the Maputo corridor the landlocked kingdom would

benefit in time savings freight destined to Map harbour travels half as long as cargo headed for Durban Richards Bay – and access to modern transport infrastructure.